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SUBJECT: 31ST SESSION - SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

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1. INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS (ITEM 16) - SINCE THERE WERE
NO DOCUMENTS FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM, DEBATE, SCHEDULED
FOR SEPTEMBER 7, WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THE 32ND SESSION
OF THE SUB-COMMISSION. DEFERRAL WAS MADE ONLY AFTER AN
EMOTIONAL OUTBURST BY SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR MARTINEZ-COBO
WHO ACCUSED THE HRD OF NOT BEING INTERESTED IN THE
STUDY. HRD DIRECTOR, VAN BOVEN ASSURED EXPERTS THAT
THE SECRETARIAT WAS INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT. UNFOR-
TUNATELY, THE HRD OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INDIGENOUS
POPULATIONS PROJECT SPEAKS SPANISH AND WAS NEEDED ON THE
TEAM WHICH VISITED CHILE. HE PROMISED COMPLETION OF
THE STUDY BY THE NEXT S-C SESSION.

2. GENOCIDE (ITEM 17) - THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS A PROBLEM
OF THE MISSING SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR AS WELL AS MISSING
DOCUMENTS. NICODEME RUHASHYANKIKE (RWANDA) DID NOT
RESPOND TO CABLES FROM THE SECRETARIAT; DID NOT ANSWER
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HIS PHONE AND DID NOT SHOW UP FOR THE S-C SESSION TO
MAKE HIS REPORT. SOME EXPERTS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE
RAPPORTEUR WAS SO FRIGHTENED BY THE ATTACK ON HIS FIRST DRAFT
THAT HE DECIDED NOT TO RETURN FOR A REPEAT PERFORMANCE.

3. AMBASSADOR CARTER (U.S.), SUPPORTING OTHER MEMBERS

OF THE SAC, RECOMMENDED DEBATING THE ITEM WITHOUT THE SPECIAL RAPPOREUR. HE FURTHER COMMENTED THAT HE WAS EMBARASSED BY STUDY BEING PROLONGED OVER THREE OR FOUR YEARS. (HE SAID IT GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF MIS-MANAGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE S-C. ALL EXPERTS AGREED WITH CARTER AND ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPTEMBER 8.

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